

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place—Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
December 10, 2013
8:30 a.m.

John Simon, Chairman
Randall C. Braddock, Vice-Chairman
Michael Lewis, Commissioner
Keith Puckett, Commissioner
Nikki Schwerdfeger, Commissioner
Rob Gale, Attorney
Angie Moser, County Clerk

Commissioner Simon called the Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with all Commissioners present.

AGENDA: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the December 3, 2013 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: None.

BRYAN COFFEY: Mr. Coffey, Hamilton County Hospital Administrator, discussed the following:

- 1) Presented a letter from the Hospital Board suggesting Todd Traylor and Fred Ayers be appointed to the Hospital Board. Commissioner Puckett moved to appoint Todd Traylor to the Hamilton County Hospital Board. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Commissioner Braddock moved to appoint Fred Ayers to the Hamilton County Hospital Board. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion. Motion passed with three "ayes" two "nays". A roll call of the vote was as follows: Braddock, Simon and Lewis as "ayes" and Puckett and Schwerdfeger as "nays".
- 2) EKG and cardiac equipment is being purchased.
- 3) The Board requested a two year variance on the gun control law regarding government owned buildings.
- 4) Rather than rent oxygen concentrators, they are purchasing eight oxygen concentrators.
- 5) Board voted to contract with CPSI software, which will replace the Health Land software.
- 6) Presented the October, 2013 financial statement and statistic report.
- 7) They will go live with their stroke care capabilities on December 17, 2013.
- 8) Contracted with a dermatologist to see patients through the telemedicine robot.

LESLIE CARLHOLM: Ms. Carlholm, Community Development Director, gave her monthly report to the Commissioners as follows:

- 1) The youth engagement surveys have been completed and she hopes to have them tabulated by January 1, 2014.
- 2) City of Syracuse and Hamilton County Hospital have committed \$5,000.00 each annually for up to five years for the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) Student Loan Repayment Program.
- 3) Checking in to starting a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed.

2014 CALENDAR: The 2014 Calendar was presented with the following changes: (1) adding Columbus Day as a paid holiday (2) taking the Friday after Thanksgiving as a personal or vacation day (3) taking Friday, December 26, 2014 as a paid holiday rather than Wednesday, December 24, 2014 (4) moving the November 11, 2012 Commissioner meeting to Monday, November 10, 2013. This will be discussed further at the December 17, 2013 meeting.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed. The cracks in Road AA was discussed. Commissioner Lewis moved to contract with B & H Paving to seal the cracks on Road AA. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The bridge at Road west of Road 25 & J was cleaned.

ABATEMENT: After review, Commissioner Puckett moved to approve Abatement No. 130052. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

After discussion, Commissioner Braddock moved to make a donation to the Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$5,850.00. Commissioner Lewis seconded and the Motion was unanimously approved.

EMPLOYEE RAISES: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve a 3% pay increase for all full time County Employees and Elected Officials for 2013, with the exception of minimum wage employees. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

ONE TIME PAY INCREASE: The County Clerk presented a spreadsheet with different options for a one time pay increase.

DECEMBER 31, 2013: Chris Squire asked to close the Courthouse at noon on December 31, 2013 in order for her to close out the 2013 year end reports. Commissioner Simon moved to close the Courthouse at noon on December 31, 2013. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

JCAB Board Appointment: Commissioner Braddock moved to reappointed Keith Puckett as the County's representative to the Juvenile Correction and Advisory Board. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

POOL BOARD APPOINTMENT: Linda Puckett submitted a letter of interest to serve on the Hamilton County Pool Board. Commissioner Simon moved to appoint Linda Puckett to the Hamilton County Pool Board for a four year term ending December 31, 2017. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was approved with four "ayes" and one abstention.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$64,772.35. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Schwerdfeger gave an update on the Lesser Prairie Chicken issue. Commissioner Lewis gave an update on the Kansas Emergency Medical meeting he attended. Commissioner Braddock reported that Mike Buxton received a bid to trade for a new belly dump trailer.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Lewis moved for adjournment. Commissioner Puckett seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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